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OR,

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To which are Added the most

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domestick.

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From Friday March 9th. to Monday March 12th. 1711.

GENTLEMEN,

Q.

E Pleased to explain in what Sense Justification is attributed to Faith.

A. Justification is not the Effect of Faith after the same Manner that good Works are, For Faith does not produce in us Justification as the Efficient Cause of it, that being the internal and Judicial Act of God; nor is it the meritorious Cause of Justification, since Faith excludes all Merit. So that it is a controverted Point how Faith produces Justification. Our Opinion is, that Faith is in the Form of a Condition prescribed us by God in Order to attain Justification, not by any Virtue or Merit of its own, but by the gracious Promise of God, by which he is willing to impute Faith to us as Righteousness for the sake of Christ.

Q. Gentlemen, *Pray inform your Subscriber how Old* Noah *was when the Flood began. In sacred Writ 'tis said it was in the Six Hundreth Year the Second Month and the Seventeenth Day of the Month of* Noah's *Life: But whether those Years were compleat or incompleat, You are desired to determine,*

H——y O——t.

A. By the use of the ordinal Number in the Text here cited, we may reasonably conclude that this Year of *Noah's* Life in which the Flood came was incompleat or current; So that *Noah* was compleatly 599 Years, 1 Month, and 16 Days old when the Flood began. Whether the Years of the other Patriarchs in the account of their Genealogy are to be understood as compleat or current, we have not equal Reason to determin; because they are expressed in cardinal Numbers, which are of an ambiguous Signification, and may mean either the one or the other sort of Years. Notwithstanding, as the Learned *Petavius* observes, they are commonly taken for compleat Years, since it is uncertain how much they exceed or fall short of such.

Q. Gentlemen, *Because the Coffee-Houses, that I use, do not take in your Paper, I had not the Luck to see yours No.* 133. *till this Day, where finding the Young Man's Case, that desires your advice about the Mathematicks to agree with mine in many particulars, (save only that I have learnt the first Six Books of* Euclid *together with the* 11*th. and* 12*th. done by De* Chales, *which without any assistance I perfectly understood in a Weeks Time, without knowing before so much as the definitions) I beg of you to let me know, as he desires, what Part of that Science you think fittest for me to go upon. Pray* Gentlemen, *at your conveniency give me an Answer to this, and you will oblige*

Gentlemen,

Your very Humble Servant,

A. B.

A. The same Author *De Chales*, has writ also a whole System of Mathematicks, as easy and as well accommodated to the Apprehension of Beginners, as his Treatise of the Elements. Let the Querist peruse that and he will see the most natural Method that these Sciences are to be learned in, and will also be informed concerning all the Books of Note that had been writ of these Sciences till the Time of the Author's publishing his Work. If the Querist is not at leisure for such an Elaborate Course, he must however know

that besides the Elements of Geometry and Vulgar Arithmetick, the Knowledge of Trigonometry, Conick Sections and Algebra is fundamentally necessary to any one that wou'd pursue the Mathematicks with Success, and when these are once throughly attained there remains no farther Difficulty: all the Rest are built upon them.

Q. SIRS, *I have been troubled with the Disease commonly called the Kings-Evil for several Years, and I have used a great many means to no purpose. I am advised to go down to the* Bath, *therefore I would desire your Opinions whether it will do me any good, or if it will do no good, whether it can do any harm. Your speedy Answer will very much oblige,*

Your Servant, A. Z.

A. We think the *Bath* of no account in this Distemper, if not rather injurious, since for a Cure there must be a total Renovation of the Blood; which is one Reason why we suppose the Physitians care not to medd'e with it, because the Prolixity of the Cure gives them but little Credit. But if the Querist will let us know how to direct a private Answer, we may inform him where he may not doubt of a Cure, tho' great part of his Flesh be eaten away by Sores, &c. We having been Eye Witnesses of Restorations, which appear'd almost miraculous to us. But he must apply himself speedily, or he may be prevented by the Applications of others, for the Performance is not done by a Physitian, but by a Person of Condition, whose Circumstances do not oblige a Practice thereof.

Q. Gentlemen, *Pray resolve me, which is the most noble, and durable Passion, that of Love between the two different Sexes, or that Love that is contain'd between two intire Friends, Your speedy Answer is earnestly desired,*

By your young Admirer, &c.

A. You will find this answer'd at large in our first Volume, which is now publish'd in Octavo.

Q. Gentlemen, *Pray be pleased to publish, when and by whom, and upon what occasion, Perriwigs were first worn, or came in Fashion.*

Also when, and by whom, and upon whose occasion, Mortar Bombs or Bombs for firing of Towns, came first in use. And you will oblige,

Your Friend, C. D.

A. There is no account when false Hair (which now we call Wigs) was first worn, but we may reasonably conclude, it came in use, when the defect of natural Hair, was first thought scandalous. The other Question was answer'd in a former Paper.

Q. Gentlemen, *I heartily beg your sincere and impartial Opinion in the matter following,* viz.

Supposing a young Man having about 300 l. *to set himself up, in the Trade he serv'd an Apprentiship unto; but through his own Negligence, ill Husbandry, &c. with other occurring Circumstances, not by time to be prevented, doth unfortunately in a Years time run this Money out, and over and above run himself in Debt about* 50 *or* 60 l. *(still remaining after having delivered all his Goods to be sold, to pay part of his Debts.*

Now Gentlemen, allowing this Man to have three or four near Relations, (as Brothers or Sisters) and he not having spent one Tad. of their Money, but every Farthing his own: I desire to know how far in your Opinion, these Relations of this young Man ought to be assisting to him, to put him in a way to shift for himself; he not having reserv'd unto himself any Money to help himself, neither dare appear publickly, until two or three of his Creditors have some Satisfaction for there Debts.

The desire your Querist hath to be resolved in this Affair, importunes as speedy an Answer, as with conveniency you can possibly return, to your

Humble Servant id Exile.

A. A just Answer cannot be return'd to this Question, without knowing the Circumstances of his Relations, and what grounds for Hope there is, that the young Man will be more careful, diligent, and better Husband for the future. If their Circumstances are such, as they can but decently maintain themselves, and they see but small promises of his Amendment, the utmost Injunction lies upon them, is, to keep him from starving. As for his having spent none of their Money, is no Obligation upon them; no Body is beholden to another for not robbing him; If his Relations abound so in Wealth that they can spare part, without suffering themselves thereon, and are well satisfy'd he will mis-age his Affairs better for the future, it will be an Impeachment on their good Nature, not to set him up again, but we cannot say they are strickly bound in Conscience to do it; since if they give him bare Subsistance, they may find objects enough, under greater sufferings than he will then be, to exercise their Charity upon.

Q. *By what Method can I find the Length of a Parabolick Curve? If you will propose a Method to me for finding out the same, and demonstrate the truth of it, you will highly oblige me.*

A. Neither the Querist, nor any other of our Readers will well apprehend our Explication of this matter without a Diagram. We can only therefore refer the Querist to such Authors as have given us the Rectification of this Curve, which he will find done by many, particularly by Dr. *Wallis*, in his *de Evolutione curvarum*, and by *Nieuwentyt* in his *Analysis Infinitorum*, P. 246. &c.

POEMS.

Loving APOLLO.

Q. A *Parliamenteering to* Chelmsford's *fam'd* [*Town,*
Coach'd with five Churchmen I lately rid down;
Their Names were, Hart, Fawson, Witham *and* [Lamb,
True Sons of their Mother, brave Subjects of Ann
And to the Succession firm every Man.
A noble Appearance of both Sexes was there,
The Ladies were Angels, or something more fair:

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In Heav'n, at least in the Fields call'd Elesian,
I was when amongst them, I swear 'tis no Vision.
Had you Great APOLLO *been there I'm inclin'd,*
To think that your Godship'd *a been of my Mind;*
Knowing tho', your Residence is above,
You have condescended less Beauty to love:
But since you on ECCHO *have plac'd your desire,*
And one of those Charmers as much I admire,
I come to your Shrine, to be set in the way,
To conquer the Prize, and then bear her away.
My Soul was so ravished, with Joy and Delight,
I ne'er wish'd for Day, be'ng to stay but one Night;
But time that was us'd, on my Hands for to stick,
Away flew like Lightening, or something more quick;
And e'er since we parted, I have been Love sick.

Direct me, God *of* Wisdom, *for but you,*
There's none I know, the mighty Work can do,
Direct, instruct me, by some cogent means
To cure my Love-sick Soul and gain my Ends;
Then will my Life, be owing to your Care;
And I'll be your's, if mine you make the Fair:
And wh[illegible]st I breat[illegible], I'll it my Business make,
To tell the World, what you've done for my sake.
Hear me ye pitying God *in this Request,*
And I no more will interrupt your rest.

T —— Sh——

A. We find *Love* as Blind, as he was heretofore,
Since of five which went with you, you cou'd see [but four;
But that we'll pass by, since it does not debase
Your Passion, 'cause *Lovers* are most in such case,
For when the *soft God* a full Victory gains,
He gen'rally gives 'em a Shock in their Brains.
You say if *APOLLO* such Beauty shou'd find,
He wou'd also *Love.* —— we are much of your [Mind;
We own our *Desires*, but 'nlike those below,
Who still with their *Passion*, a *slavery* know;
We *Love en passant*, and are catch'd by surprize,
But our *Passion* decays out of reach of their Eyes;
For *Love* is no *Bliss*, when with *Torment* endur'd,
As *Wealth* is no *Purchase*, 'till *fully secur'd*;
And if we can't part then, as easy as meet,
At last 'twill be *sow'r*, tho' at first it was sweet.
Our *ECCHO* has got the right Notion of [Charms,
Since to *keep* us, is still to *keep* out of our *Arms*;
For when *Soul* and *Body* do both go together,
They find all the *Changes* are found in the Wheather,
If others we *Love* with a *Passion* is stronger,
To *Her* 'twill continue more constant and longer,
The Bounds of it also we're tempted to stretch,
As long as she keeps her self out of our reach;
And if *you* more durable Pleasure wou'd taste,
Keep the Distance you hold and the longer 'twill [last;
But if you're resolv'd a *new Voyage* to venture,
By passing the *Gulph* of the *Marriage Indenture*,
Since you are such a Loyal, good Lad, we wil [give
Such Advice, as we most to the purpose believe.
Addre's the Nimph in soft, complaining Strains
May shew the Passion flows within your Veins,
Bright Numbers have Inchanting Pow'r to move,
Ev'n Hearts of *Adamant*, to *tender Love*;
Let her no Rest, no Intermission find,
'Till your *Idea's* fixt firm in her Mind,
And other Images expell'd, depart,
While yours takes whole Possession of her Heart
There let it your internal Flames reveal,
With all the Ardour of a *Martyr's* Zeal;
That Life or Death sit on her Smile or Frown,
And she alone your future Bliss can Crown:
If those alluring Arts prove all in vain,
Her Pity or Compassion to obtain,
Conclude that *Error* gave your *Passion* Birth,
And that you was mistaken in her worth.
Such just Reflections will assuage your Breast
'Till that sinks calmly down to wonted Rest.

Q. *Convince me learn'd* Apollo, *why*
Men so unwilling are to die,
Men whose Faith's are unfeign'd, whose Love
Parallel runs with Saints above;
In doing this you'll please me more,
Than all your Answers heretofore;
For which I more indebted stand,
Than my small fortune can command;
For which I must remain your Debtor,
Till Providence provide me better.

A. Ther's none whose *Faith* is firmly fixt,
And with no wav'ring Fraelty mixt,
By no concerns of Earth involv'd,
But hourly wish, to be dissolv'd:
But ah! who such a Faith can boast,
Or has a *lively Hope* at most.
How few can Sacrifice their *Sense*
To *Promises* of *Providence*,
Since *Nature*, (which we find too true)
Abhors a Dissolution too.
Where is that brave, Heroic Creature,
That dares to combat thus with *Nature*!
Yet 'tis 'ith Power of the Mind.
To be thus totally resign'd,
And when we once are so possest,
Death will seem as a Bed of Rest.
And we more willing shall appear,
For parting, than for staying here.
Confirm'd, our loss is all but vain,
Comparative to what we gain;
But frail and Momentary Toys,
For an Eternity of Joys.

SIR,

SIR,

London, March 12th

ON Thursday in the Afternoon, the Abbot de la Bourlick known in England by the Name of the Marquis de Guiscard, Brother to the Count of the same Name, a General in the French Kings Service, a French Papist and in Popish Orders, who has publickly profess'd his Religion all the while he has been in England, was was seized in St. James's Park for High Treason, and carried to the Cock Pit to be examined by a Committee of the Lords of the Privy Council, and being under Examination, he made a Villanous Attempt upon the Right Honourable Mr. Harley, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and one of the Lords of the Treasury; and with a Penknife stabb'd him in his Breast, whereupon their Lordships drawing their Swords in their one defence, the said Marquis was wounded, and afterwards committed to Newgate; 'tis believed Mr. Harley is in no danger from his Wound notwithstanding the Violence of the stabb broke the Pen-knife.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Lord Raby her Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the States General, in the room of the Lord Townshend, who has desired leave to return home

Dartmouth, 6th. Last Night ran a shore in Rigbery Bay, West of this Harbour, the Golden Frigat of and for London Captain Bright Commander, from the West-Indies, laden with Sugar, Indigo, Coco, *&c.* but we have not as yet a certain Account whether the whole, or Part of the Crew are saved,

Killebsbeig, Feb. the 20th. There is arrived here the Abingdon of 450 Tuns and 28 Guns, with Bale Goods, and the Nathaniel of 22 Guns, with Peper, Salt Peter, *&c.* both of London from Montserat in the East-Indies.

On Friday last, part of the Duke of Northumberland's Regiment, march'd through this City with the Standards, Kettle-Drums, *&c.* for Epping, where 'tis said his Grace will take a Review of the whole Regiment on Tuesday next, after which to march for Harwich in order to be Transported to Flanders; and we hear the Duke of Argyle, will suddenly set out for the same place in order to Sail for Holland.

Poole, March the 7th, this Day William Lewen, Esq; was chosen Member of Parliament for this Town, in the room of Mr. Ridge.

Portsmouth, March the 8th. Yesterday Her Majesties Ships, Torbay and Sunderland, Sailed from Spithead for the Downs. Admiral Whitaker is now on board the Panther at Spithead, with Her Majesties Ships, Defiance, Burlington, Swallow, Dunkirk, Leopard, Oxford, Bedford, Mary-Gally, Salisbury and Salisbury's Prize.

Which is all from Yours, *&c.*

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